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Poems of Hernan Perez de Guzman"; and Prof. Alcée Fortier, of Tulane University, sent a paper on "A Louisiana Folk-Tale in the Creole dialect," which was read, in the absence of Prof. Fortier, by Prof. Cohn. Two very valuable contributions were given by Prof. A. M. Elliott, of Johns Hopkins University, presenting the results of a study of "The Source of one of the Marie-de-France Fables," and by Prof. G. L. Kittredge, of Harvard, who answered the question "Who was Sir Thomas Malory?" Prof. Kittredge appears to have found Malory beyond a reasonable doubt and has earned the thanks of students by clearing up a mystery.

At the close of the exercises Professor Elliott presented the Romance Department of Columbia with a photograph of the house at Giessen, in which Diez was born, decorated as it was on the day of Diez's University *Jubilæum*, at which Professor Elliott was present. Professor Cohn presented a letter of congratulation addressed to the University of Bonn to which was set down about one hundred and fifty signatures. It ran as follows:

To the Rector and Senate of the University of Bonn,

The undersigned, representatives of American Colleges and Universities gathered at Columbia College to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Friedrich Diez, wish to congratulate the Rhenish Frederick William University upon having so long numbered among its respected Professors the illustrious founder of Romance Philology. New York, March 15th, 1894.

After the formal exercises the delegates were most hospitably entertained by President and Mrs. Low at a reception at the President's house, and this courtesy was followed by a less formal though not less enjoyable hospitality, *Souper-Kneipe*, offered by the Romance Department of Columbia.

In his letter of regret Professor Huss of Princeton said:

"Die von Ihnen veranstaltete Feier des hundertjährigen Geburtstags von Friederich Diez ist mir ein unverkennbares und höchst erfreuliches Symptom für das Fallen nationaler Schranken auf dem Gebiete der Wissenschaft."

I have no doubt that all the delegates present heartily agree with Professor Huss, and that they rejoice that the celebration was in every respect so successful.

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BRIEF MENTION.

The *Open Court* Publishing Company of Chicago has reprinted in book form (as vol. i, no. 3, of the "Religion of Science Library," November, 1893), 'Three Lectures on the Science of Language' by F. Max Müller (cf. MOD. LANG. NOTES, vol. v, pp. 61–62), together with a Supplement entitled, "My Predecessor," an essay on the genesis of the Science of thought, originally Published in the *Contemporary Review*, vol. liv. The subjects treated in these lectures are as follows: 1. Man and Animal. No mystery in Language.—2. Analysis of language. The Lesson of the Science of Language.—3. Thought thicker than Blood. The Cradle of the Aryas. The Importance of Sanskrit. 112 pp.; price, 25 c.

As no. 4 of the same library (January, 1894), the Publishing Company named above has issued an authorized English translation of Professor Th. Ribot's interesting work, 'The Diseases of Personality' (cf. MOD. LANG. NOTES, vol. vi, p. 191). 157 pp.; price, 25 cts.

We desire to call special attention of Romance and English students to the second edition of a valuable catalogue of dissertations, etc., published seventeen years ago by Professor Varnhagen, of the University of Erlangen. The altered title runs: Systematisches Verzeichnis der Programmabhandlungen, Dissertationen und Habilitationsschriften aus dem Gebiete der romanischen und englischen Philologie sowie der allgemeinen Sprach- und Litteraturwissenschaften und der Pädagogik und Methodik. Von Herman Varnhagen. Zweite vollständig umgearbeitete Auflage, besorgt von Johannes Martin.

In this edition we have almost an entirely new book; the Introduction of the first issue has been materially shortened, but little change has been made in the arrangement of the material which is distributed in the following general categories: 1. Die Sprach- und Litteraturwissenschaft überhaupt (pp. 1–33).—2. Die Romanische Philologie (pp. 35–163).—3. Die Englische Philologie (pp. 164–200).—4. Pädagogik und Methodik (pp. 227–260). A complete Register closes the work that represents no less than three thousand four hundred and fifty-three titles. Leipzig, Koch's Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1893. 8vo, pp. 296.

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. D. Bruner (cf. MOD. LANG. NOTES, vol. viii, p. 256) has just been appointed Professor of the Romance Languages in the University of Illinois, Champaign.